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DAILY BRIEF

*Laos: Rightist elements are pushing a reorganization of the government in the face of Pathet Lao opposition.

General Phoumi on 5 May announced that Premier Souvanna had agreed to changes in the cabinet designed to "improve" its efficiency. These changes involve replacing two left-leaning neutralists now out of the country, and naming a successor to the Foreign Ministry post held by the late Quinim Pholsena. Phoumi also indicated that the two Pathet Lao ministers, Prince Souphannouvong and Phoumi Vongvichit, would be "temporarily" replaced pending their return to Vientiane.

The declaration, although ostensibly having Souvanna's approval, apparently was instigated by the leaders of the coup group. General Siho reportedly had dictated the changes to Phoumi, threatening to take unilateral action if Phoumi could not work out an arrangement with Souvanna.

The Pathet Lao continue to oppose any change in the cabinet lineup. On 6 May they charged that Phoumi's announcement was "dangerous" and that recent actions of the coup group were designed to destroy the coalition government. The Pathet Lao reiterated their demands for a dissolution of the coup committee and again called for a renewal of tripartite talks.

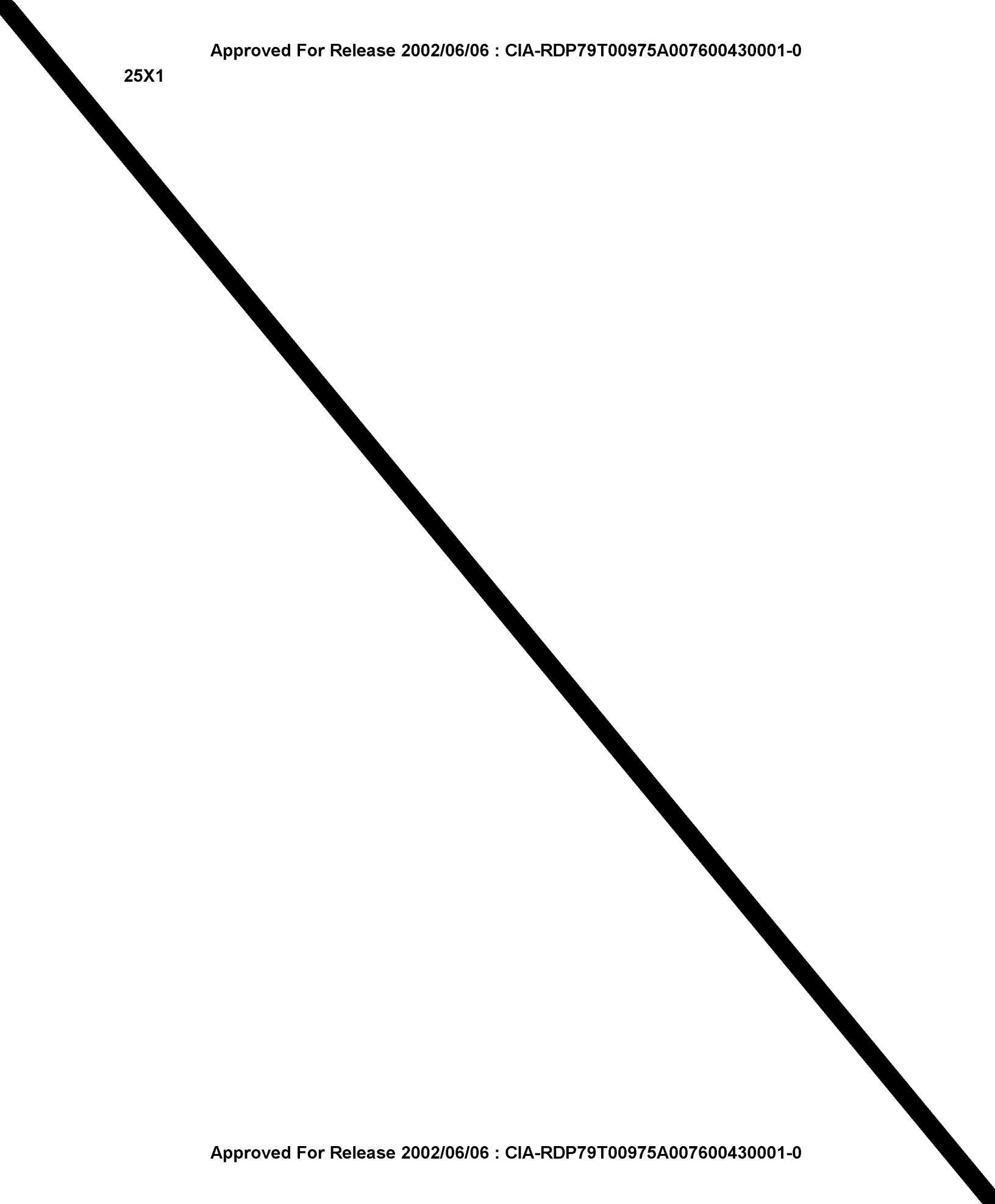
Souvanna apparently is hopeful that, given enough time, he will be able to work out a solution to the crisis.

He is worried, however, that the strongly rightist National Assembly, slated to convene on 11 May, will take action which could lead to a formal break with the Pathet Lao. Should his maneuverability be further limited, Souvanna might resign and leave the country.

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Panama: Cuban-trained Panamanian revolutionaries may try to cause trouble this week, possibly including a march on the Canal Zone on 9 May, the day before the presidential election.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

The United States Intelligence Board approved the following special national intelligence estimate on 6 May 1964.

SNIE 36.1-64: "Nasser's Policies and Prospects."

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